

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE... for PEACE in Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti, Syria, the Sahel region, Greenland, DR Congo

..... for all refugees and asylum seekers, those kidnapped and hostages.

...for the sick and struggling: Tina, Marion and Mike, Eric, Sally, Carrie, Lesley, Steve, Sean, Jen, Eve, Denise, Jessica, Karen and Keith, Mike, Ann.

.....**for the family and friends of** Matthew, Ruby

.....Hardwicke's plans, Elmore's new organ, Longney urgent roof repairs

..... For staff and pupils at Longney, Hardwicke and Hunts Grove schools

.....*for Jane Edwards leaving Mozambique. Her latest prayer letter is here:-*

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.....for Tim Fletcher Pioneer "Sportily" Minister, working on Hunts Grove.

Benefice Prayer Diary- Paper copies are in each Church

THANK YOU! For all your kindness on my retirement, From this week I am at Flat 29, Bromley College, London Road, Bromley, BR1 1PE, phone 020 4619 5208, email revramartin@btinternet.com My flat has a spare bedroom for 2, do be in contact if you'd like a London base for a night or two. "Pray for me, as I will for thee, that we may merrily meet in heaven" (Thomas More). Richard

Dates for your diary.

Sunday 30 March Mothering Sunday 11am Benefice service
in **HUNTS GROVE SCHOOL GL2 4EP**

Sunday 6 April, 1030 Elmore APCM

Saturday 12th April – Hardwicke Coffee Morning

Sunday 13 April, Palm Sunday Longney APCM after service
12noon, Hardwicke APCM

Tuesday of Holy Week 15 April: 7.30pm Compline at Longney

Maundy Thursday 17 April: 7.30pm Agape at Hardwicke

Good Friday 18 April services 2pm Hardwicke, 6.30pm Longney

Sunday 20 April, Easter Day, services: 0930 at Elmore,
1100 at Hardwicke (NB NOT in the school): both Holy Communion

Benefice of **Hardwicke and Elmore with Longney**

www.hardwicke-elmore-longney.church

Priest-in-Charge vacancy, vicar@hardwicke-elmore-longney.church
and 01452 720015 are still in use

Assistant Priests Revd George Parfitt (currently on Sabbatical)
Rev'd Duncan Hutchison,
on secondment from Hucclecote

Licenced Readers Pat Buckland and Judy Cheshire

Authorised Leaders of Worship: Neil Hollis and Doff Stone.

Pioneer Sports Minister: Tim Fletcher

Please take this sheet home and use it for your prayers and Bible study

Today Sunday 16 March, Second Sunday in Lent

9.30am Elmore: Holy Communion

11am Hardwicke: All Age Worship "Meeting God in Hardwicke"

Readings: Philippians 3: 17 – 4:1, Luke 13: 31-end

Week beginning 16 March

Tues 18th, 10.30 Lent group, Purton Cottage, Stroud Road

Wednesday 19th, 10.00am ST JAMES QUEDGELEY: Holy Communion

and for all Wednesdays till further notice,

except the 3rd Wednesday each month when the service is still at St Nicholas Court at 1030.

Sunday 23 March, 3rd Sunday in Lent

9.30am Longney: Holy Communion

11am Hardwicke: Holy Communion

4pm Elmore Evensong

Readings: Corinthians 10 1-13

Collect for 16 March, Second Sunday in Lent

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all
those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things that are contrary to their
profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Readings for 16 March

Philippians 3.17 - 4.1

¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

Gospel Reading

Luke 13 31-35

³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."

³² He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' ³³ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

³⁴ "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'^{lb}